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## AMATEUR WRESTLING BOUT

## ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Interest Growing Among Athletes and Public—Tournament at Y. M. C. A. Tonight Will Have Best Washington Talent—Lightweights Scarce.

Amateur wrestling as one of the best all-around exercises ever introduced in a gymnasium, has made remarkable strides in Washington in the past two years, and where formerly such a tournament was almost unheard of last season there were half a dozen, and a big intercity affair in Baltimore.

Public interest in the game has grown as rapidly as the interest among the athletes, and as the exhibitions have been well attended, especially by ladies, for it is a clean, manly, and useful sport and the costume prescribed is not at all indecent.

## First Tournament Tonight.

The first of a long series of tournaments for this winter will be held tonight at the Y. M. C. A., and will be open to all amateurs in the District. Pairings were made on Saturday, and as all those who had no show of winning a medal dropped out, only the cream was left for the tournament bouts on the program. The bouts, if there are no falls, last six minutes each, and if the referee is in doubt about the decision on points, he may order another six minutes after six minutes' intermission. For the winning team there will be a handsome silver cup.

The men who will contest tonight will to all intents be the leaders in the respective classes, but a number of other tournaments are on the carpet, and before the season is over there is no telling what material may be developed from which to select new champions. The heavyweight class is particularly in need of recruiting. McDonald, of the Y. M. C. A., and Dunawin, of Carroll Institute, are about the only good material, and after they have settled their differences tonight the winner will meet Jack Conrad, of the Y. M. C. A., who is a middleweight but has not taken at 155 pounds. The National Guard and Georgetown University may bring out some likely heavies and it is to be hoped they will, for the public likes to see the big men in action.

## Williams' Brave Struggle.

T. S. Williams, of Gallaudet, is to meet Pete Schaub tonight in the middleweight

division. If Williams wins he will be something of a wonder. He is lighter than Schaub by six or eight pounds, is fast and dumb, has poor eyesight and never had any real coaching except a few lessons he has taken this season from Frank Huseman, instructor at the Y. M. C. A. Williams acquired his knowledge by reading a book on the subject, and, strange to say, this book taught him to lose out last winter as one of the most active and dangerous amateur grapplers in the city. He is clear and always wins the sympathy of the audience by the manly struggle he puts up despite his crushing handicaps.

Vic Herron has been acknowledged as the boss of the amateur lightweights in the District. He is a good man, but has had some luck. Strange to say, the number of real lightweights hereabouts is very small. In all the large squad at the Y. M. C. A. there are no probable stars around 135 pounds, and that is true of several organizations. What chance Rogers will have with him is not known, but there is a splendid opportunity for little men who have not paid much attention to the game to get busy and land some medals this winter.

## Foley Looks a Winner.

Jones Foley, who appeared in preliminaries to professional matches in Washington before the Amateur Athletic Union came to life here, showed last winter that he was by himself among the featherweights, and Kneiburger, the Y. M. C. A. man who meets him tonight, hardly figures to win. Foley, in his unregenerate professional days, worked with Mackey, Huseman, Joe Grant and other star pros, and picked up much information from them which has been a big help in the amateur ranks.

Frank Huseman, wrestling instructor at the Y. M. C. A., will go on for half an hour tonight in an exhibition with Rob Roy Mackey, who is to meet Eddie Barr, the Western middleweight at Washington Light Infantry Hall, on Saturday next. Huseman starts at 135 pounds, and traveled all over the country meeting big and little opponents. He is a light weight, and has been back to Washington with the easy trip. Huseman says that tonight will be his last appearance for many days, as he is going to devote his time to his ladies' class at Epiphany Chapel and the wrestling squad at the Y. M. C. A.

## TOMMY LOWE FAILS TO MEET KID STEIN

Washington Boxer Absent, Billy West Takes His Place and Surprises Stein.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Tommy Lowe, of Washington, failed to keep his engagement to meet "Kid" Stein, of this city, at the Keystone A. C. last night. Although out of condition, Billy West volunteered to take Lowe's place and was accepted.

After the opening rounds, which were in Stein's favor, West began to fight back savagely. West was floored in the third round, which appeared to stir him up, and in the last round he landed it up with his opponent and gave Stein as much punishment as he received.

The semi-wind-up between Eddie Wallace and "Kid" Mitchell was stopped in the second round, the latter being no match for Wallace. In the third round, Bobby Foster mixed it up in lively fashion, and just before the bell rang at the end of the round, Jones was sent to the mat. The bell saved him. Foster went after his opponent hard in the second round, and after administering severe punishment to the "Kid" knocked him out with a right swing on the jaw.

## CANNIBAL COUNTRY CHAMP WILL FIGHT IN AMERICA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—John A. Cox, champion of New Zealand, South Africa, South Sea Islands, and the cannibal country, is on his way to America and will be in Los Angeles in about a week, if his steamer and plans carry without interruption.

His advance manager, Al Saunders, with a lot of American salve and good manners, is here now and has conferred with Manager McCarty for the purpose of securing a date for his man. He calls Cox as the second Fitzsimmons. Cox fights at 135 pounds, and has a big, broad chest and shoulders.

## NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The recently organized Atlantic Baseball League held a meeting last night, elected officers and transacted other business in preparation for the next season's series of games. The league will begin the season with teams representing Wilmington, Del.; Trenton, N. J., and Chester, Reading, Allentown, and Pottsville, Pa., all of which cities were represented tonight. J. W. Dobbins, of Newark, was elected president, secretary and treasurer of the league. A. W. Lawson, of Wilmington, Leo Van Hook, of Chester, and Lewis Bacon, of Allentown, were elected directors.

It is expected that before the season begins Elizabeth, N. J., and Easton, Pa., will have teams in the league. It was decided tonight to play 116 games, beginning May 1 and ending September 7.

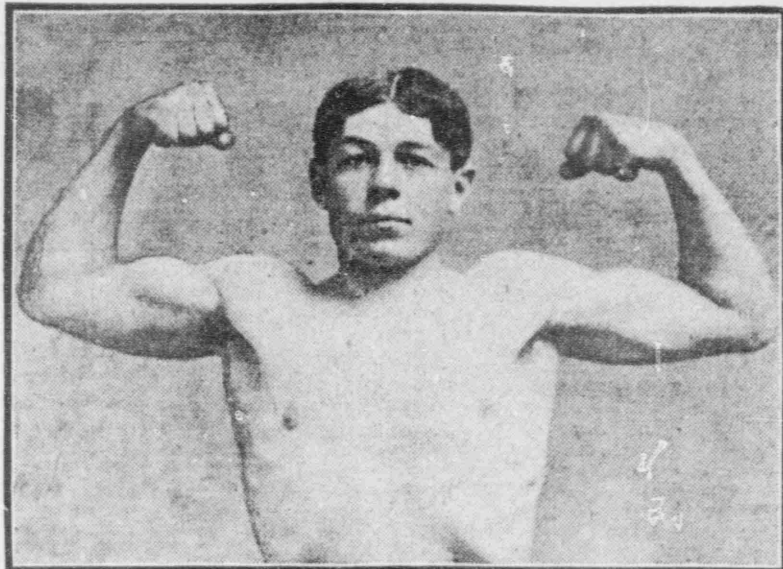
## PECKS VS. U. AND I.

The U and I fraternity basketball team will meet the Peck Chapter of this city, tonight at Peck Chapel Hall, 2725 M street northwest. Game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

## RAILWAY MEN TO ENTERTAIN.

The Washington Railway Relief Association will give a smoker at 8 o'clock tonight in the club rooms, at 914 E street northwest. An interesting program has been prepared and the entertainment promises to be another success for the association.

## AMBITIOUS MIDDLEWEIGHT



JACK CONRAD, Y. M. C. A. Wrestler Who Will Go After Heavyweight Honors Tonight.

## Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

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## LIBERAL RULINGS IN BASKETBALL

Intercollegiate Officials Decide Upon Important Innovation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—In order to have a uniform interpretation of the rules that govern intercollegiate basketball, a demonstration was held in the Columbia University gymnasium before the delegates from the various colleges in the league and the officials who were appointed to referee the games during the coming season. Members of the Columbia varsity team were used in illustrating the legal methods of dribbling, blocking, passing and shooting.

A new ruling was adopted in order to eliminate delays as much as possible. This rule provides that only three times during each half may time be taken out, and if an additional period of "time out" is required the side so demanding will be penalized a point.

## Fewer Fouls.

The rules this year will be interpreted liberally, especially in regard to body checking, so that fewer fouls will be called and the game will be faster than ever. Holding, which has been indulged in to a great extent by some of the players in the past, will be very severely penalized.

Dartmouth had a representative at the meeting, although not a member of the intercollegiate league. After the meeting it was decided to play a game between the champion five of the intercollegiate league and the leaders in the New England Association. For this a silver cup will be given.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Rube Smith and Jimmy Gardner box at Denver tonight.

The first meeting of the football rules committee this year will be held Saturday, December 22, in New York.

The weekly boxing show at the Wayne Athletic Club of Philadelphia, will have on the program a bout between Freddie Welsh, of London, England, and Kid Gleason, of Massachusetts.

Before the Davenport (Iowa) Athletic Club tonight Charlie Neary, a Milwaukee lightweight, and Kid Farmer will meet in a fifteen-round bout for a purse and side bet.

Chicago has been selected for the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association. It will be the first time since the organization in 1894 that the annual meeting has not been held in New York.

Amateur trap shooters from all over the country will gather at the country home of the New York Athletic Club, on Travers Island, tomorrow to compete in the second annual amateur trap shooting championship of America. The contest will be decided at 100 yards. The club will receive the trophy emblematic of the championship of 1905-7.

## TIGER WRESTLING SQUAD IS LARGE

Thirty Men Trying for Positions on Team—Will Have Intercollegiate Meet—Bothner Coaching.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 11.—Owing to the fact that the intercollegiate wrestling meet will be held at Princeton this year, the undergraduates have shown a greatly increased interest in the sport this fall.

Twenty or thirty candidates have had daily drills in rudimentary work under Coach Bothner for the last two weeks, and in the first novice meet, held December 6, a great deal of promising material was brought to light. Several more novice meets will be held from time to time throughout the winter, so as to maintain an active interest in the sport among the students.

With George Bothner, champion lightweight wrestler of the world, to coach them, the Tigers have hopes of a championship team this year. Only four members of last year's squad have left college. The place of J. F. Cross in the 135-pound class will be the hardest of these vacant positions to fill, although several bantams have been giving very fair accounts of themselves.

The following schedule has been arranged for the coming winter, all the meets consisting of bouts in each of the seven weights:

February 15—Pennsylvania at Princeton.

February 22—1909 vs. 1910.

March 2—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

March 8—Yale at New Haven.

March 15—Columbia at New York.

March 22—Intercollegiate meet at Princeton.

Madagascar to Lecture.

Mrs. Ida Gibbs Hunt, of Madagascar, will address the Bethel Literary and Historical Association at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, M street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest, tonight, her subject being "Glimpses of Madagascar."

## NIPPLE WILL LEAD BUCKNELL.

SELINGROVE, Pa., Dec. 10.—Chester A. Nipple, of Sunbury, was yesterday elected captain of the Bucknell University football team. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and played quarterback for the Orange and Blue.

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## BIGELOW CAPTAIN OF YALE ELEVEN

Honored by Football Players After Declining Leadership of Crew—Fine Record.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—The Yale football team elected yesterday Lucius Horatio Bigelow, third, of Brooklyn, captain for 1907.

The election was held in the trophy room of the gymnasium. Bigelow was chosen on the first ballot and his election was at once made unanimous. Whether any other candidate received any votes was not announced. Only those players who represented Yale in the Princeton and Harvard games were eligible to vote. There were eighteen of these players as follows:

Captain Morse, Forbes, Paige, Brides, Hockenberger, Erwin, Bigelow, H. Jones, Alcott, T. Jones, Dines, Knox, Veeder, Roome, Bomar, Weernecken, Stuart, and Linn.

## Declined Crew Captaincy.

Bigelow is a member of the junior class in the academic department. This was his second year on the "varsity" eleven. He has played "eight" tackle, eleven seasons. In his freshman year he played on his freshman class eleven and rowed on the Harvard crew. Last year he made the "varsity" eleven and the "varsity" crew. After the boat race at New London last June, the oarsmen offered him the captaincy of the "varsity" crew.

He declined this honor and is the only man who has ever declined this honor at Yale. He did so, because he wanted to play football and his parents had refused to allow him to row and also to play football. He chose football now, but he is still willing, although he took the chance of an accident that might have put him out of the game, to take the chance of being beaten out in the race for the captaincy by some other player. Bigelow is a good student, and stands well in the faculty. He is very quiet and modest, and a hard worker whether it be in his studies or in athletics.

## GANS-HERMAN PROMOTERS HAGGLE OVER A REFEREE

Siler, Jeffries, Eddie Graney, Welsh, and Bat Masterson Are All Mentioned as Possibilities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Already there is beginning to be a slight friction between the managers of the fighters concerning who will referee the Gans-Herman fight.

Nate Lewis, for Herman, favors George Siler, the Chicago expert, while Riley, manager of the "Cassidy" club of Tonopah, where the fight is to be held, says he wants Jeffries. Ben Selig, who is looking after Gans' interests, strongly recommended that Eddie Graney, the San Francisco blacksmith, be the third in the ring.

None of the men had any objections to make to any of the men named, but it was plain that each had his favorite. The management, Shep, accordingly announced after his race at the Twelfth Regiment games on Saturday night, when he fought for the belt, that it was his last race for about three months.

## HARVARD TEAMS COST JUST ABOUT \$100,000

Football Expenses Jumped \$12,203.09 in 1905, Baseball Expenditures Were Less by \$1,238.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Harvard University spent practically an even \$100,000 on the maintenance of athletics during the "varsity" year terminating on September 1. The figures, it should be borne in mind, do not include any of the expenses contracted since college opened this fall. These will be included in next year's annual report.

Just at this time, when a discussion is in progress as to the value of intercollegiate athletic contests from the standpoint of the college or university, these figures for Harvard are of peculiar and especial interest.

The expenditures for the year amounted to \$99,742.28, or an increase of \$15,844 over the year before. The bulk of this increase came in football, upon which \$12,203.09 more was expended than the year before. Of the more prominent of the sports at Harvard baseball was the one which cost a substantial sum. Reduced figures. The outlay in baseball was \$1,238 under what it was for the year before.

## AN ACCIDENT.

"Ma," asked the little rabbit, "is it true that pa was shot by an amateur gunner?"

"Not at all," snorted the mother rabbit scornfully. "The gunner was shooting a rabbit, and he was your father sat behind him and laughed. Unfortunately, the gun kicked and the man sat down on your father and killed him."

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## VESPER BOAT CLUB HARMONY RESTORED

Organization Determined to Regain Its Prestige in Rowing Circles. Finances in Good Shape.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Internal dissensions which for a short period threatened to wreck the Vesper Boat Club were most happily adjusted last night at the Athletic Club, of Philadelphia.

The occasion for the cementation of good fellowship was the forty-first annual meeting, election and dinner of the Maroon and Gray organization.

At the business meeting of the naval delegates were instructed to use all their might in securing for Philadelphia the next national regatta, and to cast their vote at the next meeting of the naval board of the Schuylkill Navy. The club pledged itself for \$100 in order to help defray the expenses incident to the big aquatic fixture.

Treasury A. J. Cottingham reported that the finances of the club were in an exceedingly healthy condition, and in spite of the recent wholesale resignations the membership was at higher mark and a number of applicants were in the inquiry committee's hands. President, Charles H. Elliott, vice president, Wright Kupper, treasurer, A. J. Nottingham, recording secretary, C. F. McGillicuddy, corresponding secretary, Leonard F. McGillicuddy, E. Jennings, first lieutenant, E. Carson; second lieutenant, A. Surman; third lieutenant, W. H. Fulmer.

## COBETT MAY LOSE CHANCE TO FIGHT

Pollack's Dilatory Tactics Responsible for Ex-Champion's Failure to Clinch Match With Murphy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The excitement of a possible fight between John Corbett and Tommy Murphy is dying fast, and the little Denver fighter is waiting patiently for the finish of the six-day bicycle race, so his manager, Harry Pollack, will again have a chance to devote some time to his man's interests.

From the comments of Murphy's friends, Pollack, by his dilatory tactics, has practically lost Corbett the chance to meet Murphy. He held out for 40 per cent in his negotiations with John Oliver for a meeting with Tommy Murphy, and the club he used to try and bring the Harlem featherweight to fight Corbett. If such an arrangement was not satisfactory he would go to the coast and meet Bill. Since that time Britt has been battling with Willie Fitzgerald, and perhaps that 35 per cent for a go with Murphy will look a little sweeter to Pollack; that is, of course, if he is still willing to agree to such a split of the receipts.

Murphy is soon to meet Matty Baldwin, and it is not unlikely that he will be able to find a much better drawing card than young Corbett, when it comes to his next battle.

## DOLAN HAD BETTER OF BERT KEYES

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 11.—Johnny Dolan of New York had the better of Bert Keyes, of Philadelphia, in a fast, six-round go before the Peerless Athletic Club of this city last night.

The go was a draw, both men being on their feet at the finish. Bert Keyes had a big lead at first, his heavy right swing being better than Dolan's, but Dolan pegged away with straight lefts to Keyes' face, and gradually worked down until the fifth, when he had him groggy, and after that had things his own way.

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